

# LOAKES PARK LIGHTS GO ON—AND WYCOMBE SPARKLE

## The Slide Is Checked Against Enfield

**WYCOMBE WANDERERS'** £6,000 new floodlights were switched on for the first time on Wednesday night by the club patron, Mr. Frank Adams, for an Isthmian League game against Enfield.

And an enthusiastic crowd of 3,000, applauding the brilliant effectiveness of the lights, saw an appropriately fast and exciting game in which the Wanderers showed marked improvement, after their recent reverses, to win convincingly 3-1.

The big night went off with no hitches writes "Nova". As Mr. Frank Adams the club patron pressed a small button, after the most informal of addresses, the eight pencil slim lights each borne on eight poles, burst into brilliant light. The crowd cheered. Some-one let off a fire-cracker and all were smiles.

By general consent the quartz iodine lights of the very latest design are an acquisition of which the club can be tremendously proud. It is the first time the tubular posts have been used in Britain. They are especially designed so that the lights may be lowered to ground level for cleaning and replacing.

In winning their first game after three successive Isthmian League defeats Wycombe shone almost as brightly as the new lights. The 3-1 win over newcomers Enfield was energy-packed. No encounter against any professional club could have conjured up the fire this first-ever floodlit match at Loakes Park did.

### WING POWER

With eight defenders in their side it might have been expected that Wycombe would be mainly inside their own penalty area. On the contrary, swift movements upfield ended with smart shots. Charlie Gale, at centre-forward had enough brawn and height to worry the Enfield defenders.

But it was on the wings that Wycombe were most effective. Len Worley, who loves play-in games with lots of atmosphere, tormented Malcolm Neale and on the other flank Paul Hodges had one of his finest games.

It was Hodges great speed which enabled Wycombe to go ahead after 19 minutes. His square pass was neatly side-footed into the net by Gale.

Three minutes later John Cooper enabled Dave Thomas to score Wycombe's second.

### UNDER FIRE

As the half progressed Enfield came more into the picture and Dennis Syrett, making his home return in the senior side, sometimes looked uncomfortable as four or five heavy attackers bore down on him.

Just before half-time he failed to stop a mighty cross shot from Roger Day and, as Lewis rushed in to clear, his kick cannoned off Roystone into the net.

In the second half the Wanderers retained the edge and Thomas was only robbed of a goal by a brilliant save from Mitchell. Horseman, who had his best game of the season, was also unlucky.

And with only seconds of injury time remaining John Beck sent in a 45-yard shot which sailed over the head of goalkeeper Mitchell into the back of the net.

Wycombe.—D. Syrett; J. Beck, A. Lewis; G. Pullin, P. Roystone, J. Cooper; L. Worley, D. Thomas, C. Gale, T. Horseman, P. Hodges.

Enfield.—M. Mitchell; P. Terry, M. Neale; A. Mendum, A. D'Arcy, R. Cantwell, R. Thomas, W. Broomfield, A. Burridge, R. Day, T. Howard.